REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 13, 15-19, 21, and 24-37 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 12, 14, 20, 22 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. The application as amended contains claims 12, 14, 20, 22 and 23. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 12, 14, 20, 22 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Reconsideration is requested. The claims have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, allowance of the application with claims 12, 14, 20, 22 and 23 is solicited.

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